

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Before this Amendment, claims 1-15, 18-20, and 23-25 were examined. No claims are amended or added. Therefore, claims 1-15, 18-20, and 23-25 are present for examination, and claims 1, 18, 23, and 25 are the independent claims.

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 18-20 and 23-25 were allowed in the Office Action dated January 16, 2007 (Office Action"). Moreover, applicants note that the Office Action indicated that claims 1-15 were allowable, but were provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over copending Application No. 09/687,148, which is commonly assigned.


Applicants submit a power of attorney and terminal disclaimer herewith, and thus respectfully submit that any double patenting issues are therefore obviated.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejections be withdrawn. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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